

## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 30, 2018

The Honorable Hans Riemer, President Montgomery County Council 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Riemer: ZTA 18-01 Solar Collection System-Standards

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, please accept this letter as our comments in support of ZTA 18-01.

The AAC understands that ZTA 18-01 will not impact how solar collection systems are allowed as an accessory use generating no more than 120% of the onsite energy consumption.

The AAC supports the proposal to allow solar collection systems in all other zones where the system produces a maximum of 2 megawatts.

In the future, should the County decide to apply the 2-megawatt solar collection systems in the Agricultural zone, the AAC recommends that ground mounted installations should not be located on prime and productive soils as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The AAC would like to thank you for this opportunity to present our views on ZTA 18-01 and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Doug Lechlider, Chairman

Cc: Isiah Leggett, County Executive

